

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State religious organizations that have proven down through the years to be exemplary components of local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, on October 7, 2007, Ballwin Baptist Church on Manchester Road in Ballwin, Missouri, will hold an open house to observe the completion of an education building for children and youth; and

Whereas, the Ballwin Baptist Church open house will include a ribbon cutting ceremony and guest recognition program followed by a family fun festival; and

Whereas, Ballwin Baptist Church follows the motto, "Love God, Love Others, Serve the World" through programming that targets child, youth, college/single, adult men, adult women, senior adult, and other special groups and that has resulted in approximately 1,000 baptisms in the past fifty-one years; and

Whereas, in addition to its regular worship and educational services, Ballwin Baptist Church offers Bible study and worship services in Russian and Spanish languages; and

Whereas, Ballwin Baptist Church began on September 14, 1952, with 190 charter members as a mission that cooperatively involved Antioch Baptist Church, Meramec Heights Baptist Church, and Rock Hill Baptist Church; and

Whereas, first located in an old post office in Ballwin, Ballwin Baptist Church later moved into larger quarters above a hardware store in Manchester before constructing its current facilities with 922 members; and

Whereas, Ballwin Baptist Church has been guided and led by a series of devout ministers, including Dr. Robert "Bob" Curtis, who has served as pastor since July 1989; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse daily activities in order to recognize such outstanding Missouri churches as Ballwin Baptist Church at momentous times in their histories:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with Ballwin Baptist Church and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they celebrate the opening of a new educational building with an open house on October 7, 2007; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Ballwin Baptist Church.

Offered by _____
Representative Neal St. Onge
District No. 88

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker